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SUBJECT: CONDUCT OF CONGEN'S EPMG GUARDS DURING INCIDENT OF MARCH 2

REF: ASMARA 0100

1. DURING THE FIREFIGHT WHICH ERUPTED AT 0230 MARCH 2 IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE CONSULATE, I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE FOUR EPMG GUARDS ASSIGNED TO THE CONSULATE COMPOUND STRICTLY OBSER-

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VED THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT PROVIDED TO THE ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES HERE. IN SOME INSTANCES, THE FIRING WAS WITHIN A BLOCK OF THE CONSULATE COMPOUND, AND INSURGENTS WERE REPORTEDLY SEEN ON THE STREETS JUST OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND. THE EPMG GUARDS STOOD THEIR POSTS BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY EFFORT TO FIRE ON THE INSURGENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE INCIDENT.

2. I BELIEVE THAT THIS TRIAL OF THE EPMG GUARDS' RESTRAINT IS AS INTENSE AS ANY WHICH WE MAY EXPECT IN THE FUTURE. I BELIEVE FURTHER THAT WE NOW ASSUME THAT THESE VETERAN TROOPS WILL NOT PRECIPITATE ANY REPRISALS AGAINST THE CONSULATE

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OR IN ANY MANNER JEOPARDIZE OUR OVERALL SECURITY.

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